GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MINORITY CONCENTRATED DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has declared a total number of 90 as Priority Minority Concentration Districts for grant of financial assistance;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that not even a single District has been declared as Priority Minority Concentration Centre in Andhra Pradesh where sizeable population of minority community lives;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) to (d): 90 minority concentration districts have been identified based on Census 2001 data of minority population and backwardness parameters of a district. No district in Andhra Pradesh satisfies the twin criteria of having both a substantial population of minorities and relative backwardness of the district in terms of socio-economic and basic amenities parameters vis-a-vis national averages.